

REPORT ON H.R. 6072, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-750) on the bill (H.R. 6072) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

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RECOGNIZING JAMIE DUPREE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize an innovative journalist, Jamie Dupree, who is an example of perseverance in the face of adversity.

Jamie is a familiar face to all of us in the Capitol, covering the goings-on and not-goings-on of Congress. However, he was stricken with Tongue Protrusion Dystonia, which left him unable to speak—a radio reporter unable to speak.

Never one to let adversity get him down, Jamie enlisted the help of a company named CereProc, which, using his old audio archives, built a Jamie Dupree voice app. When paired with a text-to-speech program, Jamie will be able to type a radio story, and the program will generate a recorded report in his new voice.

Mr. Speaker, Jamie Dupree is an example for every American who has been afflicted with disease. Tenacious, intelligent, determined, he is a credit to his esteemed and essential profession, the media, and to his organization, the Cox Media Group.

Way to go, Jamie Dupree. We are all with you, buddy.

MIGRANT FAMILY SEPARATION

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with an aching heart for the innocent children being ripped from their parents' arms at our Nation's borders.

Families fleeing violence with legitimate claims of asylum are having their children taken from them thanks to an inhumane policy put in place by this administration. Weeping 2- and 3-year-olds have been forced onto immigration buses specifically equipped with car seats to be held in overcrowded cages, a crisis of this President's own making.

What kind of a country tears hundreds, if not thousands of families apart, inflicting trauma on the young and vulnerable? What happened to "give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses"? What happened to America being a beacon of hope?

This zero tolerance policy betrays our core values, and it must stop immediately. I have joined my friend and colleague, Congresswoman DELAURO, as a cosponsor of her resolution condemning this policy, and I call on the administration to halt this horrendous practice and exercise some compassion for those who need it most.

CELEBRATING RAMADAN MUBARAK

(Mr. ROTHFUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, as the month of Ramadan comes to a close this week, I rise to wish the Muslim residents of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District Ramadan Mubarak.

Over the last several years, I have appreciated the opportunity to break fast at an iftar with a number of these residents, including a recent iftar at the Muslim Association of Greater Pittsburgh.

Ramadan is a holy month for reflection and celebration for those in the Muslim faith. Ramadan also offers an opportunity for all Americans to celebrate the tapestry of the people that makes up our Nation and our Bill of Rights that recognizes as the first of our freedoms the free exercise of religion.

Mindful of the violence that affects those practicing their faith in other lands here, I think particularly of the more than 100 Afghan soldiers the Taliban killed last year at a mosque in Mazar-i-Sharif, or the 14 Afghan Muslims killed when a mosque was bombed in Khost recently. Let us reassert that no one should ever be killed for their faith. May this month of Ramadan be the beginning of a new effort to achieve a lasting peace in troubled lands.

ANNIVERSARY OF PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, when will my Republican colleagues divorce themselves from the NRA? Despite all the uncertainties in this world, there seems to be one truth, that there will be no Republican action on gun violence.

That is what the NRA stands for: No Republican Action. That is what the NRA pays for when it funnels tens of millions of dollars into our Federal elections.

Two years ago, 49 people were shot to death by a crazed gunman in a night-

club in Orlando, Florida. On this, the anniversary of that massacre, I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring those who were lost by uplifting the spirits of their families.

Mr. Speaker, to truly honor the lives lost at the Pulse nightclub, in Las Vegas, at Parkland in Florida, and in communities every day across this Nation, we have to change our laws, and we have to do it now.

WISHING PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the occasion of former President George H.W. Bush's 94th birthday. He is the first U.S. President to turn 94 years old, and he has lived a lot of life in those years.

President Bush is marking the occasion at his home in Kennebunkport, Maine. He won't celebrate by skydiving, as he has in past years, but, rather, with a low-key affair surrounded by family.

President Bush has remained active in public life, and he has emphasized the importance of volunteerism. In a column in today's USA Today, his son, Neil Bush, encouraged Americans to follow his dad's example of volunteer service to make our Nation stronger, kinder, and more united.

Neil said: "It's an important lesson Dad instilled in me, the idea that we have the freedom to serve and that the choice to serve can define the type of life you live. In my father's words, 'Any definition of a successful life must include serving others.'"

Mr. Speaker, I could not agree more, and I wish our 41st President a very happy birthday.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

(Ms. SPEIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 120th anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence. About 120 years ago, U.S. actions turned promises of freedom into false hope.

Though Filipino rebels fought alongside our troops to end colonial Spanish rule, the Philippines became a U.S. territory, not a nation. Filipinos only achieved independence in 1946, after decades of further bloodshed.

Despite this unfortunate past, we have moved forward together. I am proud to represent one of the largest Filipino communities in the world anchored in Daly City. Filipino Americans make countless contributions to our society, from Bruno Mars' songs to servicemembers' brave sacrifices.

Even when our leaders don't share our values, the people of the United